

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claims 133-134, 136-140, 142-146, 148-152, and 154-156 are pending. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 133-134, 136-140, 142-146, 148-152, and 154-156 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Karasawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,200,843 ("KARASAWA") in view of Konno, U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015 ("KONNO").

Element [b] of independent claims 133, 139, 145, and 151 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion in a telephone interview on July 12, 2006. This element has support based on at least Figures 8-8D and their corresponding text in the Specification.¹

Neither KARASAWA nor KONNO discloses or suggests a system that has a beam stop prior to the LCDs to absorb unwanted light. Based on the foregoing, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

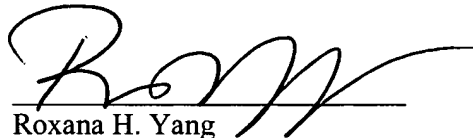
¹ The embodiments described in the Specification (or illustrated in the Figures) are merely exemplary. Therefore, the claims should not be construed to cover only the exemplary embodiments described (or illustrated).

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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